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OHMIC CONTACT PLUG HAVING AN IMPROVED
CRACK FREE TIN BARRIER METAL IN A
CONTACT HOLE AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME



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Sir:

Attached hereto is a certified copy of applicants' corresponding patent application filed in Japan on November 21, 1997, under No. 9-337708.

Applicants herewith claim the benefit of the priority filing date of the above-identified application for the above-entitled U.S. application under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119.

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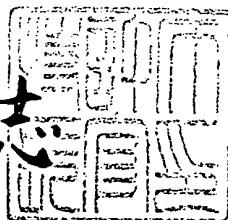
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